

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration takes place in the Convent every Wednesday.

Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre Bingo here every Monday night starts @ 8pm. Jackpot €1,050 in 43 numbers.

Kildare & Leighlin

Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Lourdes 2018 led by Bishop Denis Nulty. 16 July 2018 5 nights €739 pps. Pilgrimage director Fr Paddy Byrne. Register your interest by contacting Joe Walsh Tours 01-241 0802 or info@joewalshstours.ie **Booking forms may be got from Eleanor Parish Office**

25th Sponsored Day

Christmas Day Swim/Walk in Aid of Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team Presentation of Money raised to Home Care Team Nurse on **Thursday 22nd February at 8:00pm** in Doyle's Railway House All welcome.

Readers:25th Feb

Sat 24th February 6:00pm

Katie O'Neill

Sun 25th February 11:30am

Fintan Higgins

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24th February

6:00pm Team A

Sunday 25th February

8:00am Team A, 11:30am Team A

7:30pm Team A

First Holy Communion

2018 Newtown/Dunleckney N.S. on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11am in Newtown Church

Garyhill N.S. on Sunday 13th May 2018 at 11:30am in St. Andrews Parish Church

St. Brigit Boys N.S. and Queen of the Universe Girls N.S. on Saturday 19th May 2018 at 11am in St. Andrews Parish Church

Nurney N.S. on Sunday 20th May 2018 at 11:00am in Newtown Church

Ballinkillen N.S. on Saturday 26th May 2018 at 11am in Ballinkillen Church.

Confirmation Day

2018

Saturday 21st April at 11:00am

First Communion

Preparation Masses this

Sunday 11th February

9am Newtown, 10am

Ballinkillen, 11.30am St. Andrews

ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Total weekly envelope collection:

€1,295

Winner of €33 is

**James & Elizabeth Byrne,
Ballywilliamroe**

BAGENALSTOWN-NEWTOWN-BALLINKILLEN

'CHURCH NOTICES'

1st Sunday of Lent

18th February, 2018

NOVENA 2018 St. Andrew's Parish Church
Tuesday 13th February - Tuesday 27th March At 7:30pm in
Speaker **TUESDAY 20th February - Fr. Martin
Smith** (*Chaplin I.T. Carlow*)

Sponsor a Slab All sponsors will have their names listed on a special plaque which will be erected at the end of the project. Alternatively, you can sponsor a slab in memory of a deceased loved one which will also be inscribed on a plaque. **ONLY €20PER SLAB!!**
Slabs are available at 083-8609921, Parish Office and also online at www.sponsoraslabbagenalstown.com
Many thanks to all who have already sponsored a slab.

'24HOURS FOR THE LORD' St. Andrews Church will be opened for 24hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. All are welcome. 6pm Friday 9th MARCH TO 6pm Saturday 10th MARCH Opening Ceremony at 6pm Friday, Closing Mass on Saturday at 6pm.

Trocaire Boxes— If you missed out, you can pick one up in the church. Our generosity can significantly add to the quality of life for our poorer brothers and sisters in the world.

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018

which will be taken up in our parish on next weekend 24 & 25 February 2018.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 7th—14th 2018

€699pps **Spiritual Director:** Fr Declan Foley. Anyone interested can contact **Helen Wall 086-8226930**

JPII Volunteer Information and Sig-up Gathering for K&L Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre, open to past and present JPII Award participants (attached poster for further information and display)

Parish Office -Eleanor: 059 9721154

Fr Declan Foley: 087 6684299 Fr Declan Thompson: 087 0610473 /059 97 23886

Pamela Whelan (Parish Pastoral Minister): 085 8230207

Email: bagenalstownparish@gmail.com www.bagenalstownparish.ie

www.kandle.ie

PRAY FOR

Paschal McEvoy, Carlow & 19 Barrett Street who was interred here on Saturday.

Months Mind

Sr Rosarii Ring, Presentation Convent. Mass on Saturday 17th February in Parish Church at 6:00pm.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Maye, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 25th February in Parish Church at 11:30am.

Parents Association Presentation De La Salle College

TABLE QUIZ in aid of Breakfast Club on **Thursday 22nd February** in Doyle's Railway House at 8:00pm. Team 4 €20. Raffle on night.

An evening presentation by Jim Shannon titled "The great War through the eyes of the poets."

The First World War was a cataclysmic upheaval, changing fundamentally the lives of many millions. There were at the time a great many different views and opinions on the war. In this talk these views, as expressed in the works of contemporary poets, are examined, showing a wide divergence of opinion, ranging from the patriotic ultra-romantic work of Rupert Brooke, through the graphic realism of Wilfred Owen, to the searing sarcasm of Siegfried Sassoon, and including the feminine viewpoint as expressed by such poets as Katherine Tynan." **21st January, 8pm**, Leighlinbridge Parish Centre. Admission is free and all welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Monaghan, 24 Kilcarrig Street
Martin Darcy, 29 Conway Park
Elizabeth Lillis, Kilcarrig Street
Margaret-Mary Lynch, Long Range
George Rothwell, Ballycormack
Michael Jordan, Glenaharry
Pat Maye, Pairc Mhuire
Don & Elizabeth Delacey, 14 Conway Park

Matt & Elizabeth Gethings, 2 Barrett Street

Margaret Mara, 82 St. Brigids Crescent
Martin Travers, 7 Philip Street
Olivia McCullagh, Glenaharry
Johanna Hickey, Gormona

Bridget Cody, 84 St Brigids Crescent
Paddy Canavan, 17 St. Brigids Crescent

Teresa Grey, Kilree
James & Mary Reddy, Kilcarrig Street & their son Edward

James & Cecelia Coogan, Gormona & their daughter Kathleen Walker

Peter Connolly, Kilcarrig
Teddy & Brenda Byrne, England & Fenniscourt

Michael Kavanagh, High Street
Moyra Quinn, Kilree Cottages
Mary McManamon, Mayo

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th February at 10:00am Mass in Parish

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Novena 2018

Tuesday 13th February - Tuesday 27th March At 7:30pm in St. Andrew's Parish Church

TUESDAY 27th February -

Sr. Anne Codd

(Presentation Leadership Team)

TUESDAY 6th March -

Fr. David Vard

(Youngest Priest in Ireland)

TUESDAY 13th March -

Julie Kavanagh

(Faith Development Services)

TUESDAY 20th March -

Joe O'Rourke

(Prison Chaplain)

TUESDAY 27th March -

Angela Mahon

(A Refugees Experience)

Ballinkillen Ladies Football Club

Annual Church Gate collection next weekend Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th at all Masses. *Please give your support.*

Find Your Voice!! in

Muinebheag Library

Singing is for everyone!! Find Your Voice workshop with Ann Moylan (Choral Director and Music Therapist) on Wednesday 21st Feb 11.00am
An informal workshop and All are welcome

New Year New You! Eat Well, Be Well, Feel Well in Muinebheag Library. Nutrition and Exercise Practitioner Evelyn Cronly will give a talk as part of 'Healthy Ireland in the Library' programme and events on Friday 23rd Feb 11.00am. All are welcome

St. Vincent De Paul

Local helpline no. 086-4042631

World Meeting of

Families: Pope Francis personally chose Dublin, to host the World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is at an advanced stage. A dedicated office and support team has been established and they are working hard to bring to life the different elements of the WMOF2018 which include (i) A National Opening in each diocese; (ii) A Pastoral Congress from 22-24 August; (iii) the Festival of Families on 25 August; and, (iv) the Closing Mass on Sunday 26 August. The WMOF2018 has also rolled out the 'Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's be Family' programme which is a conversation about the family with an emphasis on Pope Francis' teaching and reflections. The World Meeting of Families promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

Hosting this national and international event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard I ask that the third national collection taking place on the weekend of 24 and 25 February 2018 be generously encouraged and supported here in Kildare & Leighlin.

I realise there are big demands at every parish level, but hosting this World Event is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Thanks for all your support,
Bishop Denis.